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Alberta Health struggles to find physiotherapist

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Laurie Robson was shocked – then angry – to find her physiotherapist's doors locked at the Didsbury and District Hospital.

"I thought it was really rotten they closed it down ... that maybe it was another cut (from Alberta Health Services)," she said.

Robson was told there was no longer an outpatient physiotherapist at the Didsbury hospital as of December 31 and patients had to go to an Airdrie clinic or the Olds Hospital for care. She wasn't told why.

When contacted by the Review, Alberta Health Services said the closure was only temporary as they tried to find a replacement physiotherapist. The previous one quit.

"It's a challenging group of people to hire ... there is not a large pool to draw from," said David Ness, rural rehabilitation manager for the Calgary region.

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resident

"I think physiotherapists are portable. They can go anywhere in the world so we are not only competing with clinics provincially and nationally but internationally as well."

Ness says he has spent the last four months trying to fill the gap in Didsbury, with no luck. He hopes he can fill the position by spring or summer, but there are no guarantees.

In the interim, physicians are referring people to Olds or Airdrie – there are currently 47 patients from this community seeing a professional at the Olds Hospital and Care Centre.

"About 43 per cent of the current caseload (in Olds) is from the Didsbury area," said Tracy Sommerfield, executive director for Allied Health, a branch of Alberta Health Services.

"We've been working with Didsbury closely to meet the load and are managing as usual. It increased our demand a little more but we are still (doing well) with the resources we have."

However, Nancy Little, a physiotherapist who has worked in Olds, Sundre and Didsbury, said the Olds hospital does bear a burden. This is the second time in two years the hospital has taken on Didsbury's physiotherapy caseloads. Sundre is also currently relying on the hospital. The outpatient therapist is on maternity leave and AHS hasn't yet been able to fill the position, Little said.

"I worked in Didsbury about a year and a half ago in between jobs because the hospital had been without a physio for months and months ... and it does affect the hospitals people are have to travel to."

The absence of a physiotherapist is also tough on patients who have to drive longer distances to get pain relief, she said.

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Sewer policy makes no sense

Public works manager admits error

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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A new policy that proposes to hand over the cost of residential sewer pipes entirely to landowners was botched, said the manager of public works, last week.

"I agree with homeowners. This doesn't make any sense. There was an error somewhere," said Charlie MacDonald, head of public works.

MacDonald sat down with policy-makers earlier this year - including Roy Brown, chief administrative officer and Mayor Brian Wittal - to shake out a new Residential Sanitary Sewer Service policy.

They agreed on one change, which had plumbers snake or auger the residential pipe to the main instead of to the property line.

There had been a few instances where plumbers, hired by the homeowner to fix a blockage, would push the material past the property line, collect the dollars and call it the town's problem.

Homeowners could be double billed – from the town and plumber, MacDonald said.

"This was supposed to help homeowners ... it wasn't meant to create more cost or harass them."

"I don't know who wrote this or what happened after our meeting ... if they had a secret one without me or what, but this wasn't what we agreed on," he said.

The policy proposed a week ago, put the onus on homeowners to investigate and repair pipeline leading from the house to the main, which is usually at the centre of the road.

Under the new rules, homeowners would also have to hire a plumbing contractor, acquire permits and place temporary street pavement patches on roadways.

Residents who heard about the policy before the April 6 meeting, turned out in protest, asking council to stall a decision until the public could have input. Councillors

agreed to wait until June 8 to make a final call.

Notices will be sent out in May and administration will be deciding this week how to present the new information to residents. According to Brittany Hutton, manager of planning and infrastructure, there was some oversight in the original policy that needs to be fixed.

"There were some miscommunications so we are going to provide some clarity before it goes in the utility bill or back to council ... I think the way people are reading it isn't the way we've interpreted it," she said.

Sisters Lavone Attwood and Laverne Guertin attended council two weeks ago and were furious about the sewer proposal. They're pleased that administration is giving it a closer look.

"It has got a lot of people upset so I hope (parts are) a misunderstanding ... I mean it was just a ridiculous thing to propose," Attwood said.



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Look who's talking: babies learn to sign

Sign language 'opens whole new world' for parents and children

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Jennifer Johnson leans over her baby daughter, Hope, and gestures in a practised dance of fingers and palms.

Hope, 1, giggles and picks up a book.

Under the tutelage of Rhea O'Hara of Wee Sign, Johnson has learned to communicate with her daughter so she can make requests long before being able to say what she wants.

"A lot of people thought teaching my baby sign language was a bad idea, that maybe it would harm her speech, but to me, it sounded like an interesting thing to do," she said.

"I started with Hope when she was four or five months old and signed and said the word so she learned both. She really caught on."

Hope doesn't sign much, but she knows

the basics of eat, more and read - enough to give her a sense of empowerment.

Instead of whining or crying out in frustration she knows she can sign for basic things and be rewarded by getting what she wants, Johnson said.

Alana Gibson agrees that signing opens a whole new world for her daughter and takes away the frustration of not being able to communicate.

"The barrier between you and your child is gone ... suddenly they can show you what they need without words," she said.

Her daughter, Charlotte, was six months old when Gibson began learning American Sign Language. She constantly worked with her daughter, repeating simple signs for milk, eat, more and sleep.

She still remembers the moment her daughter first signed back. She opened and closed her palm, the sign for milk.

"She was just so excited ... and for me,

well, I was proud I could teach her something."

The key to teaching sign language to a small child who doesn't have a hearing impairment is to speak the words along with the sign and repeat as often as possible, said O'Hara, an instructor with Wee Sign.

For example, if a child comes in and points to their pet, say "cat" as well as making the sign.

But she warns parents not to manipulate the child's hands while trying to teach them the correct way to sign. Acknowledge what they are asking for and make the correct sign and repeat the word.

"This is supposed to be fun ... you are opening up a little person's world and they have so much to say. Let them try to say it."

While proponents believe signing has the potential to boost fine motor skills, IQ and the bond between adult and child, there are some concerned about the effect it could have on speech.

Garth Schindel, a Didsbury speech therapist, said parents shouldn't have anything to worry about. Signing is just another way for people to communicate.

"Language is just communication and any way you are able to communicate better will help increase your child's skill level," he said.



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One-year-old Hope Johnson considers taking a look at her book as mom, Jennifer, gestures the sign to read.

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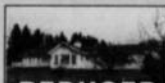
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Plumes of ash strand relative

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Didsbury's Rochelle Byiers is keeping an eye on news feeds streaming in about Iceland's volcanic ash plume.

Her 67-year-old mother is one of thousands of airline passengers hanging tight in Europe this week, and she wants to see her home safely.

"My mom was told it could be anywhere from three days to two weeks or six months before she'll be able to get a seat on a plane ... she just wants to come home," Byiers said.

European aviation agency Eurocontrol said no landings or takeoffs were possible for civilian aircraft in most of northern and central Europe yesterday, including the UK, Germany and Ireland. The average weekday has 28,000 planes take off in European airspace, though Monday saw 8,000 and mostly in southern countries.

Air Canada announced cancellations to international travellers yesterday to London, Germany, Paris and Switzerland and remains on standby, waiting for information from its European counterparts, the airline said in a statement.

Norene Harris, a travel consultant with Vista Travel in Olds, said she



The Eyjafjallajökull volcano erupts in central Iceland, sending plumes of ash into the atmosphere.

hasn't seen such widespread travel disruption since the 9/11 terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center.

"I've been working in this business for 15 years and have only seen flights stalled like this one other time ... we are hoping skies clear up so we can

get our clients home."

The agency has been busy trying to rebook flights and arrange for extended accommodations for 12 clients stranded overseas. But it's hard, she said, "because the airlines are basically going by how things are hour by hour, day by day."

Byiers' mother, Carole Forhan, found out about the volcano eruption two days before she was to fly out of London.

"We passed signs that read Stansted airport closed then Gatwick airport closed. Our first thought was there must have been a terrorist threat or bomb scare," she said.

The Heathrow airport in London was nearly deserted when she arrived, with only security making the rounds, she said.

It is "usually (one of) the busiest airports in the world ... it felt like we were on the set of a horror movie, where everyone else in the world had succumbed to a fatal virus."

Forhan considers herself fortunate to be one of the few travellers staying with family overseas. Hotels have doubled their prices nearly overnight and most of the rooms have been booked.

Still the delay isn't at all convenient. She ran out of several medications, she misses her family back home and has no idea when she'll be able to rebook her trip. The airlines are telling people to hang tight, she said.

The latest lockdown is considered unprecedented by airlines in Europe. According to Eurocontrol, weekend test flights are offering some hope that airports can ease the last five days of airline paralysis.

Free event hits courts

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

A try-tennis event is being served up in Didsbury next month.

For the first time, Active, Creative and Engaged Communities (ACE) is pairing up Chris Simnett, a former junior national player, to give children and adults a chance to try the sport.

Everything from racquets to nets and balls will be provided at the local courts, May 16.

"ACE (told) me the Didsbury courts are not in good shape and could be resurfaced if more people play," Simnett said.

"So we're going to expose everyone to the sport and hope they enjoy it."

Simnett, a representative of Tennis Alberta, has done similar events in Airdrie this year, which drew about 42 participants. Twenty-nine people from toddlers to adults have registered for tennis lessons.

He's hoping the same thing happens in Didsbury - though this town will need its own tennis expert to take on the lessons.

"Basically what I do is set up my stuff, provide some lessons and games and let people do what they want," he said.

"Most people who come end up rediscovering tennis or learning that

it's a fun and cheap family sport."

Try Tennis will take place on the courts near the Didsbury Golf Course or an indoor gym if it rains. ACE will post details later this month.

Terece Hokanson, an ACE facilitator, said the daylong affair will not only help gauge interest but allow the ACE organization to find out how people are learning about goings-on.

"Our goal is to try and improve communication between community groups and the public so finding out how people learn about things - posters, advertisements or newspapers - will help us figure out how to do that," Hokanson said.

Hospital

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"Someone with acute back pain would have trouble driving in the first place, if they have to go all the way to Airdrie or Olds to get relief, they will likely just get sore on the way back home. It's not at all ideal."

Recruitment is an issue for Alberta's rural communities. According to the University of Alberta, 92 per cent of physical therapists in Canada are employed in urban centres, while 4.3 per cent are located in rural and 3.7 in remote areas.

This fall the university's department of physical therapy will launch a pilot program at its Augustana

campus in Camrose, Alta. in hopes of inspiring students to go rural.

"We want to see if students who go to school in a rural place will end up working in one... and increase the number of rural physical therapists," said Bernadette Martin, associate chair in the department of physical therapy.

Already students are showing interest in the program - encouraging the idea that people could be interested in living in smaller communities, she said.

The University of Alberta also mandates students at the Edmonton campus do at least one internship in a community beyond the borders of major cities.

"I think the problem is new physical therapists

want mentorship and support and they don't usually get that at a small hospital. They will probably be the only therapist there, so they choose a larger place to start," Martin said.

Experienced physiotherapists also find it difficult to move to a small community, adds Litke.

"Didsbury is a wonderful little place but it's a little place - you have to want that kind of lifestyle," she said.

She suggests rural towns consider an incentive program to draw in physiotherapists as they do physicians. The Town of Didsbury has been offering doctors a \$50,000 interest free loan, with \$10,000 written off if the physician stays for a minimum of four years. They also woo

physicians with a live, work, play spiel, and all expenses paid weekend to explore the community and dinner with the mayor.

"The fact is there is a shortage of physical therapists like any other professional and it could help to offer something over and above what AHS does," she said.

As for resident Laurie Robson - she's still concerned. With Alberta Health Services cutting back some services - such as security - in the last year, she wonders how hard the superboard is looking for a replacement.

"I think they are cutting corners where people don't notice until it's too late ... I will believe (the unit is coming back) when I see it," she said.

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Opinion

Editorial Council needs to clean up messy policy

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

It wasn't supposed to be a big deal, but a sewer policy proposed two weeks ago has raised one of the largest upsets among residents this year. And it should.

The proposal places more responsibility in the hands of homeowners in the same month local government announced it will tax an extra 10 per cent this year on water and wastewater bills, to help repair infrastructure.

The policy also fails to be specific. The town claims responsibility for backup caused by the town's main, but it seems everything else falls under the realm of the landowner. There is nothing in the policy to say the town will bear the cost if roots from boulevard trees break a residential line. Neither does the policy say the town will take responsibility for damage to residential pipes caused by faulty installation, substandard materials, material failure or ground movement – as the Town of Olds does.

There is some comfort in hearing from Brittany Hutton, manager of planning and infrastructure, that the town realizes there is some "oversight" and "miscommunication" and they plan to rectify that this week. But there are also some lingering questions about how this policy was presented.

When the sewer policy was shown to council – and four angry residents – April 6, little could be elaborated because the key policy-makers – Luana Smith, Roy Brown, Brian Wittal and Charlie MacDonald – were on holiday. There was no one present to answer general questions or clarify points. So why would administration not wait until the April 26 council meeting to present the policy when those key players would be available?

In the article, Sewer policy 'makes no sense': public works, MacDonald called the Residential Sanitary Sewer Service policy erroneous. He had no idea who wrote it but said it doesn't resemble what he, Brown, Smith and Wittal hashed out during a two-hour meeting.

Under the rules, homeowners must investigate and repair the pipeline leading from the house to the main. They are also responsible for hiring a plumbing contractor, acquiring permits and placing temporary street pavement patches on roadways.

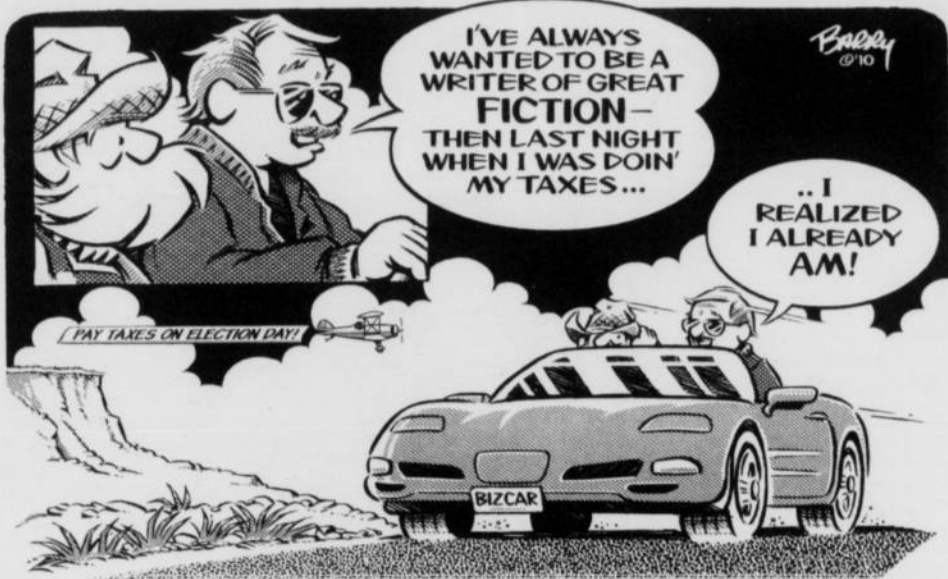
MacDonald said the only thing that was supposed to change was how far a plumber has to snake or auger the line, which would be from the house to the main, instead of just to the property line.

He has no idea where the other changes come from, including the clause about a temporary pavement patch, he said.

After all, "people aren't qualified to do that ... it's our job," he said.

So what did happen between the meet with public works and the town council meeting, April 6? And who made the decision to give homeowners all of this extra responsibility?

It was a good thing four residents stepped forward to protest this policy. According to councillor Bob Davidson, the group was the largest delegation council had seen in awhile and it prompted them to hold back on making a decision until June. Now council and administration have a second chance to answer the public's questions and clean up what was otherwise a messy policy.



Letters to the editor Sewer policy proposal a 'shock'

Re: Residents ask town to flush sewer policy

Council was quoted that it can do anything it pleases in the April 13th issue. This is a severe shock to the little of democracy that we Albertans have left. We are manipulated every day of our lives into a lifestyle selected by a few people.

Another shock was reading the article, which told me that this policy was expected to pass last Tuesday. Is the council no longer required to notify the resident taxpayers of such a significant change in taxation? Are we now being forced to maintain our own streets? If this foolish – unwise and not needed policy is passed, it will severely damage Didsbury's economy, which is hurting enough now.

What is needed is for at least two town councillors to take basic training in a) sewer systems, b) water systems and c) street and road maintenance. And you do not need to hire an expensive consultant. It is a matter of common sense. Didsbury council must learn what happens to streets during severe winter conditions and drainage and what freezing does to water mains and sewer systems. When do the water and sewer lines break and why? The University of British Columbia provides excellent courses on the above. I have attend-

ed such a course.

I have been involved in politics most of my life in southern Ontario, British Columbia and to a lesser degree in Alberta. I am dumbfounded and amazed that our provincial government – or members of the provincial government – would allow a town council to do what this council is trying to do and almost succeeded at. Must I now be responsible for town-owned property, streets, curbs and pavement?

This proposed policy is aimed at and includes residential properties on streets that are not snowplowed and where the pavement is old, cracked and full of pot-hole patches and where storm drain curbs are broken and/or cracked. What is needed is knowledge followed up by good street maintenance and surface water drainage, which includes snow.

I urge the town to take a large map and mark the dates and times that these water mains and lines and sewer mains and pipes broke and what broke them. Did most of the breaks occur near the curb, on town property? On old, broken streets? How could the snow affect things?

Harold Leslee
Didsbury, AB

Family's experience with arthritis is touching

Tamara Cunningham's "Boy learns to live with arthritis" article in the March 23, 2010 edition of the Didsbury Review touched my heart for many reasons. My boyfriend (who is originally from Cremona, Alta.) brought the article to my attention. I know first-hand about juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) because I was diagnosed at the age of seven with JRA. I feel for Gail Nowlan because my family went through a similar ordeal.

Coming from a small town in Saskatchewan, JRA was not something my family doctor had seen before. I remember being terrified to go to the doctor because they were taking blood tests and X-rays every day. It took months before we had a referral to a pediatric specialist, and finally had a diagnosis.

Now, 25 years later, I am still dealing with rheumatoid arthritis (and other inflammatory disorders) but I am more educated about the disease, as well as treatment options. As a young adult, I became reluctant to take medications and missed many doses. Then I pursued a career in pharmacy and discovered more about

how the disease progresses, and how medications work to keep symptoms at bay and delay progression of the disease. As a pharmacist, I do my best to help patients understand their disease and the purpose of the medication. I urge anyone with questions about the disease to ask their doctor or pharmacist for more information. The Arthritis Society is also a great source of information.

Growing up with arthritis has not always been pleasant, but I believe it has made me a stronger person and it is a large part of the person I have become today. Arthritis has taught me about hard work and determination because I always had to work harder than everyone else to do physical activity, and often in a great deal of pain. It has also taught me to listen to my body and that it is important to take care of yourself.

Nonetheless, I have learned to cherish every day as much as I can, especially those days without pain!

Good luck to the Nowlan family - I wish you all the best. It is always nice to know you are not alone :)

Leslie Dagg

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DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

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Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
Library	403-335-3142
Didsbury Museum	403-335-9295

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on April 30, 2010.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 10-20	2602 - 19 Street	Welding, Storage, Offices (with conditions)	12
DP 10-25	1 Deer Coulee Drive	Single Family Dwelling (with conditions)	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on May 4, 2010.

Alana Gibson, Development Officer

Rollout Cart Schedule April 2010

Black Bin				Green Bin		
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sat
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Rollout Cart Schedule May 2010

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Increase in the Water and Wastewater Utility Rates Effective June 1, 2010

	New Utility Rates		Old Utility Rates	
	First 12.24 m ³ of Consumption	Above 12.24 m ³ of Consumption	First 12.24 m ³ of Consumption	Above 12.24 m ³ of Consumption
Water Rates	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.90
Summer Wastewater Rates	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.83
Winter Wastewater Rates	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.07

This represents a 10% increase for charges based on volume of consumption.

Council and staff continue to work hard to ensure that all increases are kept to a minimum and that all other options to reduce costs and build maintenance reserves have been utilized. If you require any further information, please contact James Reichenbacher, CFO at (403) 335-3391.



DIDSBURY

NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

- **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** - Saturday, April 24 at the Curling Rink
9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Call DNP at 403-335-8719 to book your table. Only \$15.00 + GST (\$15.75) per table.
- **SPORTS FOR SHORTS** - This program explores sports like soccer, basketball and other fun indoor activities for 3-5 year olds. This 6-week program will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room Monday nights 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm from April 19 - May 31 (no class May 24). Cost is \$35.00 for 6 sessions.
- **BUSY BUDDIES** - This popular program introduces games, basic crafts, songs and finger plays for children 2 - 4 years old. Parent must attend class with child. Join us Wednesday mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, April 21 - May 26 at DNP. Cost is \$35 for the 6 weeks.
- **TODDLER GYM TIME** - This high energy hour is for children under 3 years old. Check out our age appropriate toys and gym equipment. Course runs April 15 - May 27 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am (no class April 22) in the MPR. Cost is \$35 for the 6 session program.
- **RED CROSS STANDARD FIRST AID** - This 2-day course includes CPR Level "C" and AED training. May 1 & 2 8:00 am - 4:00 pm each day at DNP. Cost is \$130.00 + GST.

For more information or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719



Didsbury Recreation

- **JULIE'S FUNKY FITNESS SENSATIONAL STEP CLASS** - Come work up a sweat in this super fun and energetic step aerobics class. Set to funky tunes and instructed by certified instructor Julie Steed. A chance to get together with friendly fitness folk and burn off some of those unwanted calories. Open to all ages and abilities. Mondays and Thursdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm April 12 to June 24, 2010, Westglen School Gymnasium. Drop in is \$5.00 and 10 Pass is \$45.00. Bring a towel, comfortable shoes, water, an exercise mat and weights if available.
- **CHALLENGE SOCCER CAMP**: From July 5 - 9, 2010 join our highly qualified instructors from England right in your own backyard!
First Kicks - Ages 3-4 from 10:45 am - 11:45 am (\$85.00)
Mini Soccer - Ages 4-5 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am (\$100.00)
Player Development - Ages 6-16 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (\$135.00)
Advanced Full day Program - Ages 7-16 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (\$190.00)

For more information or to register please call the Pool at 403-335-7369

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FACILITY ATTENDANT

Posted: April 20, 2010

The Town of Didsbury is now accepting applications for the position of a temporary part-time Facility Attendant in the Community Services Department. This position is responsible for set up, supervision, clean up, and closing of the Didsbury Memorial Complex prior to and after facility functions in the Multi-Purpose Room, Arena, and Curling Rink.

The ideal candidate will have excellent skills in customer service and problem solving and must be able to work with minimal supervision.

Working hours will primarily be Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday and may include night shifts up until 3:00 am depending on facility rentals.

Salary range is: \$14.03 to \$17.91 per hour

This is a temporary position ending in September 2010 with potential for advancement on an extended term.

Please apply with resume to:

Darren Reedy
Town of Didsbury
Box 790,
2037 19 Avenue
Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
Email: dreedy@didsbury.ca



This posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PARKS & RECREATION

The Town of Didsbury is now accepting applications for the Summer Season positions including Parks Maintenance and Program Leaders.

Please apply with resume to: Roy Brown, Chief Administrative Officer,
Box 790, Didsbury AB T0M 0W0
Email: rbrown@didsbury.ca



In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Sat. Apr. 10

What a wonderful evening it was to see all the tables filled (more had to be set up) at the MP Room at the complex to welcome Jennifer Jones and her curling team from Winnipeg. This team are five time Canadian Champions and World Bronze Medalists. The steak supper was just absolutely delicious, thanks to Barb and Dave and all their volunteer helpers and Nick did a great job of arranging all the items for the silent auction. I was very lucky, had my picture taken with the team and they very willingly autographed my ??? year old curling shirt! They answered many questions from the audience that brought much laughter. Thanks to all who put the video together (it was shown again on the big screen) and to Grasse Lumber for bringing this contest to our attention.

Thurs. Apr. 22

The Choir Festival is being held at the Crossfield Baptist Church today; it will be a day of beautiful music with choirs from all districts and towns entertaining. Coffee and goodies will be served. If you wish to go, please be at the train station (Eldon Foote Hall) by 12:30 p.m. as the cars will be leaving then.

Thurs. Apr. 22

The annual general meeting for the Rugby Hall will start at 7 p.m. at the hall. Everyone welcome, we need your support.

Fri. Apr. 23

Register at the library (403) 335-3142 for the session today "Business Writing - Plain and Simple" from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sat. Apr. 24

This is the day of the Annual Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lower level of the curling rink. Tables are rented by phoning Didsbury Neighborhood Place (403) 335-8719.

Mon. Apr. 26

The Didsbury & District Support Group for families and friends with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia will meet at Aspen Ridge Lodge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info you can phone (403) 335-9848 or Dolina (403) 335-7285.

Wed. Apr. 28

You will enjoy the afternoon at the museum with coffee and conversation from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 28

Please reserve your seat by phoning Bea (403) 335-3058 if you plan on going on the Community Bus Casino trip to Calgary, leaving the complex at 3:30 p.m.

BY TAMARA
CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Town employees were banned from texting and talking while driving last week, just days before the province announced its own distracted driving legislation.

"I guess we were a little ahead on this one ... we just wanted people to be more aware of different distractions while they are working," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

The latest policy, signed off on April 6 to ban texting, tweeting and talking on hand-held devices, doesn't apply to local politicians or residents and those caught distracted, won't be fined.

That could change, if the province passes a sweeping new bill that bans nearly everything behind the wheel, from hand-held phones to texting, reading, writing and personal grooming.

The new Distracted Driving Amendment Act - which follows on the heels of a cellphone ban in B.C. - fines Albertans \$172 for piloting while distracted and is expected to come up for debate this fall.

Dr. Louis Francescutti, an injury researcher at the University of Alberta and founder of the Coalition for Cellphone Free Driving, has been waiting for this bill since the province announced it was coming in 2007 but calls the result "watered down and weak."

"The government has been working on this bill for what feels like 100 years and at the end of the day it doesn't go far enough," he said.

"It bans all these things, like putting on lipstick, that distracts from the main issue

- talking while driving, whether it's hand-held or hands-free."

Francescutti said while banning distracted driving is important, people might apply lipstick for 30 seconds while they talk on the phone the whole time they are driving.

He also points a recent report by the National Safety Council in the U.S. that says laws banning only hand-held phones "give the false impression that using a hands-free phone is safe."

"This is a good first step but it should include hands-free ... and the bill should have more teeth. There's no demerits on this."

Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette has heard the criticisms and believes the law is "practical, effective and enforceable."

"I seen the reports about hands-free too and I am not saying it's not distracting, just very, very hard to enforce. You don't know if someone is singing, speaking

to a child in the back seat or talking on a hands-free set," he said.

"I think what we have is a very good tool for law enforcement agencies and hopefully it also gets people paying attention to driving."

Didsbury RCMP gives the bill thumbs-up. It will help police take a tougher stand against distracted drivers.

The issue is certainly present in this area, adds Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

He has seen everything from people updating a Facebook page to blindly following their GPS units. The detachment has also gotten calls of possible impaired drivers only to find it's someone talking on a cellphone and swerving all over the road.

"I think this could help make our roads safer, but will we still expect to see some people to text or talk on the phone or do other things after this comes into effect? Yeah," he said.



Who do you know...

that is celebrating any of these special events?

- Birth of a child
- Wedding
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403-335-4089

Auction a success

BY TAMARA
CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Didsbury's Lions Club is raving about last week-end's auction, which raised over \$4,000 and drew the largest crowd in years.

"It was fantastic. We usually average about 75 people

at this and we had 100," said Allan Gingrich, president of the Lions Club.

"I'm not sure if it's because the economy is picking up and people are spending or because we had some really good stuff."

Lions members pounded the pavement this year to collect new and used items to sell at the annual Lions Auction, Saturday. There was everything from linoleum floor to gift bas-

kets and work benches gathered to sell.

"I think one of the more unique sales was an outdoor bench that could fold into a picnic table ... we got \$300 for that," said Doris Born, coordinator of the event.

This was one of the Lions' largest fundraisers, next to their fall Dinner and Dance. Money raised will help support Didsbury High School's jazz band and other community projects.

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National Volunteer Week

April 18-24, 2010

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Do you know a volunteer who shines? Nominate them for the Direct Energy 2010 Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award.

The Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award is presented by Direct Energy and the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association (AWNA).

Open to residents of communities served by AWNA newspapers, the award will go to the nominee best exemplifying the volunteer spirit. Direct Energy will award the winner a \$1,000 cash prize, and donate \$5,000 to the winner's community organization / cause of choice. Four semi-finalists will also receive \$1,000 towards their community organization / cause of choice. Hurry, nominations close May 7, 2010.

To enter, visit directenergy.com/vcoy or awna.com



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AltaLink is connecting renewable wind energy through our Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement Project and Southwest 240 kV Project. Learn about these and our other projects by visiting www.albertaelectricityfuture.ca.

RENEWING OUR ELECTRICITY FUTURE



RENEWING OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

Didsbury Review distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does NOT GUARANTEE publication for a variety of reasons including space

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• 5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals &/or info

regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall**. Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3481. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall



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Lunch Combos

\$4.99

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

COMBO #1
2 pieces of chicken, wedges and 4 oz. salad

COMBO #2
Small soup and Full sandwich

Large Soup \$2.99
Small Soup \$1.99

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ADULT HALL WALKING at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment.

Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

PARENT LINK CENTER Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466

IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

BABY DROP IN @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to meet other new parents.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE is a resource centre for the down. We provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more info.

FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm. tfn

ARC SENIOR RIVERS CLUB - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711. tfn

MIDWAY SCHOOL - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Tanya @ 403-335-8862. tfn

BABY DROP-IN Didsbury Neighbourhood Place. The 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:00-10:00 am. Great opportunity to have baby weighed, talk to public nurse, meet other parents. tfn

HUNTINGTONS Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhalia 403-335-9520. tfn

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 1, 9 am - 2 pm. Hamattan Community Centre. We are located 2 km south of Highway 27 between Olds and Sundre 13-17

WANT TO BE PART OF THE 2010 ARTWALK? Contact Carol at (403) 556-7111 or Dave at (403) 638-5177. 15-18

HIV EDMONTON - www.hivedmonton.com - For questions, information, support or news on events, call 1-877-388-5742. tfn

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF QUESTERS is holding their Spring Conference at Olds Agricultural College, May 14-17, 2010 - www.questers.ca - Merlin 250-545-5946 or Rosemarie 403-266-5355. 15-19

FRIENDS OF ASPEN RIDGE Strawberry Tea, Bake & Craft Sale, Friday, May 14, 2010, 2 p.m., Aspen Ridge Lodge. Tickets \$3 each. Come one, Come all. 15-19

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.
Sunday School will start back in September.

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue

Minister Nancy Nourse
Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday,
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.
Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 403-335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles
Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 403-337-2020
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery available during service.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta

5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
8km E on Bergthal Rd.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor Mike Nimz
For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422

Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact
Claude Baril 403-335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 403-335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 a.m.
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Didsbury musicians tune up for provincials

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Didsbury's Wesley Wilks is keyed up about playing at a provincial festival this May.

The nine-year-old is one of two local youth chosen by adjudicators at the recent Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival to head off to Edmonton May 26 to 28.

"I am pretty excited ... but also a little nervous 'cause more people will be there and things will be harder," Wilks said, as he tapped out a few keys of his song, Dragon's Code.

The tune, inspired by a book he read about a journey into a Dragon's stomach, won him the placement in the 12 and under creative music category in provincials. He doesn't mind if his own journey ends in Edmonton, as long as he wins some applause.

"That is my only goal - that the adjudicators say I did a good job," he said.

The provincials, put on by the Alberta Music Festival Association, feature qualifiers from 34 member festivals from across the province and a number of categories in solo, ensemble and musical theatre.

Performers can be recommended for the national festival, scheduled for Montreal in August.

Toni-Marie Newsham, 17, will be packing off to compete in senior musical theatre. It's her second time competing at the provincial level and a "huge honour," she said.

Eight years ago, Newsham was taking voice lessons from her mother when she decided to try musical theatre.

"I really enjoyed it ... and have done it every since," she said.

"This festival will give me the chance to

learn something more ... it's a lot of fun and really interesting to meet different adjudicators and gain a new experience."

Wendy Durieux, Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival coordinator, believes the group of performers heading to the provincial festival will represent the region well.

"Are these kids talented? Absolutely. Will they win? I don't have a clue ... it all depends on how well they perform that day."

The festival had performers bring home a first and three seconds last year.

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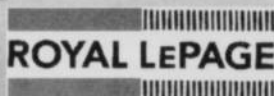


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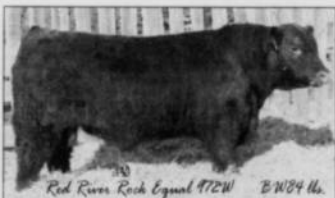
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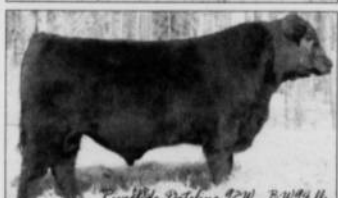
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Field changes kick in

Alberta Soccer Association makes play easier for U12 teams

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

New rules will catch up with U12 soccer teams on the pitch this season.

The Didsbury Minor Soccer Association is following Alberta Soccer Association's lead in sizing down fields for U12 players to pit competitors eight against eight this year. The change is good news, said John Brazzale, coach.

"U10 players were moving up from a mini field to a full size one, which was quite a large step for them," he said.

"The new field will be a much better transition ... and less players on the field, will give kids more time to play, more touches with the ball and more interaction. It won't just be a couple of strong players carrying the game."

As good as the change may be for player development, it's also provided some challenges to the local club.

Maxine Spence, president of the association, said they haven't yet found the right-sized field. They'll either paint lines on an existing one or create a new field on prop-

erty unused by Chinook's Edge.

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MAXINE SPENCE
president, Didsbury minor soccer association

out the details," she said.

New rules have also meant training coaches in new tactics, supplying uniforms, balls and nets. Three teams at the U12 level will also be sharing the equipment this season instead of the usual two.

"It was a big move forward and we couldn't have done it without the support of the community ... we supplied people and businesses with a wish list and they filled it,"

Spence said.

Changes are also expected to come down the line for the U18 team. It could be the first time an all girls team will be breaking away from the mixed league - if the association can find a coach to lead the group.

"We are holding a coaching clinic on April 24 at Didsbury High School to try and get coaches to step forward ... otherwise we won't have a girls team. And these girls really want to play," Spence said.

This season registration numbers have increased slightly this year to fill all the levels from U6 to U18, but the sport has been experiencing a drop in players over the last few years. The club says registration "ebbs and flows" but saw its largest gap when lacrosse started up about eight years ago.

"I am sure other organizations would agree that there are just so many activities for kids to do these days that it's hard to keep them in one sport. It makes things tricky for us because we depend on those kids to keep this going ... and also their parents for volunteers," Spence said.



Tamara Cunningham / Didsbury Review
ALL KEYED UP - Wesley Wilks, 9, is ready to play at the provincial music festival in Olds May 26 to 28. Adjudicators picked Wilks to move on during the Olds and District Kiwanis Music festival last month.

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Peters, Albert

Albert Peters was born July 16, 1935 at the Neufeld farm near Berghal Church. He was the first of seven children born to Henry and Margareta Peters. Albert received his early education at New Berghal School.

When he was older Albert rode his horse Pal to the school to light the furnace. Grade ten was taken at Carstairs, grade eleven in Didsbury and he attended Rosthern Junior College for Grade 12 where he graduated. While at RJC he was baptized and also sang in the choir and played hockey.

In 1954, Albert took a job cribbing basements in Calgary and there he met and courted Agnes Giesbrecht from Steinbach, Manitoba. In October 1955 they were married and resided in Calgary. They moved to the farm in the spring of 1957, when Albert began farming with his father Henry. They custom baled for a time, raised cattle and had dairy cows. In 1961, Albert and Agnes purchased the C.A. Neufeld farm in Neapolis district where they lived until 1971 when they moved to the Carstairs area having bought the home half from Albert's parents.

Here they raised three children and farmed until 1995 when the next generation took over. Their move to Didsbury gave Agnes the chance to build her dream home – a perfect place for entertaining family and friends. Albert continued to be drawn to the farm and he helped with tasks until his health started to fail. Originally he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease however, it was later determined he suffered from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Concerned about his mobility limitations they decided to purchase a condo and moved there in August 2006. No stairs to climb. No grass to cut. Throughout the years Albert was a big believer and supporter in the community. An avid sportsman he played left wing for the Didsbury Ramblers and shortstop for the Berghal Beavers and Didsbury Jets and later he took up curling. Albert even built a ball diamond and skating rink at the farm for everyone in the area to enjoy. Other involvements included serving on the Neapolis Co-op Board and becoming a bus driver. In the era of CBs his handle was Early Bird. He also assumed the role of Santa Claus for many Midway School Christmas concerts.

Albert was a member of the Berghal Mennonite Church and he shared his strong faith sincerely through his participation on the Camp Valaqua Board, with Mennonite Mutual Insurance for twenty-seven years and the organizing of MCC sales.

Family holidays were an important part of each summer when everyone would pile into the station wagon and head either to the Okanagan with Elsie and Dave, to Abbotsford to see Helen and Tony or to journey east across the prairies to visit Agnes' relatives in Manitoba.

Albert, together with Agnes, travelled to many countries around the world. He particularly loved watching spring training ball games in Arizona. Canada's coasts intrigued them and their trips to the Maritimes were filled with many new experiences. In recent winters they relaxed and explored Victoria. He would have loved one more vacation there, but it wasn't meant to be. And once grandchildren arrived, volleyball and hockey tournaments, karate competitions and band concerts were their frequent and happy destinations.

Albert was a man of few words, but he lived life with integrity and his many generous, caring actions spoke volumes. He had a gift for making people feel at home and his easy going manner, friendly ways, great sense of humour and mischievous smile endeared him to family, friends and strangers.

Albert leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and best friend of 54 years, Agnes; his daughter Brenda Peters and her children: Jessica and Galen Slimmon; his son Rodney (Phyllis) Peters and their children: Perry, Cecil and Sandy; his son Gary (Joanne) Peters and their children: Kyla, Stacy and Danika; his siblings Helen (Tony) Buhr, Elsie (Menno) Epp, Waldie (Pei) Peters, Barbara Peters, Margaret Peters and Lillian Smith; many nieces and nephews and a wide swath of cherished cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Henry and Margareta Peters, and brothers-in-law David Neufeld and Richard Smith.

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March 26, 2010
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House
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The family of Wilma Bagshaw would like to
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as those who sent flowers and food. She was a
wonderful woman and is deeply loved and missed.
Ken Bagshaw & family

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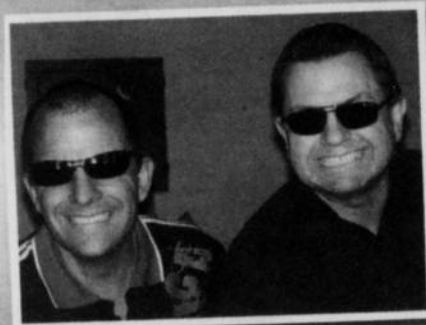
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<p>36 Westpoint Drive Gorgeous custom built home, over 1500 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, amazing kitchen, fully finished, excellent location!</p>  <p>\$419,900</p>	<p>36 Westhill Crescent Nice area of town! 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, great yard with R.V. parking and oversized single garage</p>  <p>\$269,900</p>	<p>1909 - 17 Street Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors, new paint and baseboards, 2 bedrooms, main floor laundry, double garage, reasonable HOA fees</p>  <p>\$239,900</p>	<p>1404 - 22 Street Beautiful 2 year old home, fully finished, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, jetted tub, hardwood, kitchen island, walk-in closet in master, just move on in!</p>  <p>\$339,900</p>	<p>102, 1127 Hammond St, Carstairs Affordable Home Ownership! This newer 4 plus unit has 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths and is completely finished. Centrally located. Reasonable condo fees.</p>  <p>\$185,900</p>	<p>104, Westview Greens Nice Adult condo apartment, 2 bedrooms, 2baths, 9' ceilings, corner gas fireplace, main floor location, single garage</p>  <p>\$169,900</p>
<p>38 Valarosa Drive Great family home, 3+1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, vaulted ceilings, 2 tiered deck, nice yard</p>  <p>\$284,900</p>	<p>1271 - 23 Avenue Wonderful adult living with no condo fees! open plan, hardwood, 3 sided fireplace, sunroom, loft, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, great kitchen, much more!</p>  <p>\$334,900</p>	<p>3.01 Acres Ready For Your Dream Home! Drilled well, fenced perimeter, centrally located just 7 minutes west of Olds</p>  <p>\$214,900</p>	<p>2125 - 25 Avenue Great newer family home that is affordable, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner gas fireplace, covered front entry, tiered rear deck, nice area</p>  <p>\$279,900</p>	<p>#67, Didsbury Mobile Home Park Beautiful home or rented lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, 1216 sq ft, only 3 years old, reasonable lot rent.</p>  <p>\$113,900</p>	<p>108 Westhill Close Great opportunity! 1400+ sq ft and needing some attention, 3+2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, oversized double garage, great location</p>  <p>\$260,000</p>



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<p>1155 Kildeer Close Over 2100 sq ft of "Wow", very nice floor plan, gas fireplace, hardwood, beautiful kitchen, fully developed walk-out basement, country view, and much more!</p>  <p>\$449,900</p>	<p>79 Westpoint Drive Wonderful family home, hardwood, main floor laundry, terrific kitchen, spacious developed basement, new siding, preferred location, move-in ready</p>  <p>\$349,900</p>	<p>1901 - 14 Street Wow, beautiful 3 bedroom family home with lots of unique extras, 2 - 7' sided fireplaces, beautiful kitchen, amazing ensuite shower system, huge lot</p>  <p>\$399,900</p>	<div>  <p>FRONT PORCH REALTY FOCUS</p> <p>Spring into Spring II Fashion Show and Supper</p> <p>May 8, 2010 Doors open at 6:00 Supper at 6:30</p> <p>Elks Hall, Didsbury Tickets \$30.00</p> <p>Call Shirley at 403-335-3787 or Joan 403-335-4511 for tickets.</p> </div>		
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